WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image forming apparatus comprising:

tone processing means for converting multivalue input data into binary areal tones; a tone pattern table for storing tone patterns to be used by said tone processing means;

rotating means for rotating the output of said tone processing means;

skew compensating means for compensating for any skew caused by the image forming apparatus upon the output of said rotating means;

shift point setting means for setting a skew compensating position; shifting direction setting means for setting a shifting direction according to a skew direction; and

rotating direction setting means for setting a rotating direction,

wherein the tone pattern is shifted in the skew compensating position on the basis of information on the shifting direction and the rotating direction.

- 2. The image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said switching means shifts the tone pattern by controlling a table address at the time of taking out a tone pattern from said tone pattern table.
- 3. The image forming apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said switching means shifts the tone pattern also by altering a set point of pattern data stored in said tone pattern table.